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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING RCE**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office action dated August 17, 2005, Applicants hereby respond as follows. This response is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The shortened period for response expired November 17, 2005, accordingly Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time. A check in the amount of \$120.00 for the extension of time is enclosed herewith. The extended due date for this response therefore is December 17, 2005. It is believed that there is no additional fee associated with the filing and consideration of this amendment, however, **should the Commissioner decide that any fee or fee deficiency is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees incurred as a result of entering this amendment and response to deposit account number 03-0172.**

Please amend the application as follows:

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